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Soon after he had Perus'd the

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IN THE

APPENDIX *to the* REPORT *of the* SECRET COMMITTEE;

IN

Which *Layer* has made Mention of His Name, as One of *BURFORD*'s *CLUB*; Which the ſaid *Layer*, in his Examination, ſaith, he was told by one *Plunket*.

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HAVING read Part of the Examination of *Layer* of the 19th of *January* and 4th of *February* laſt, in the *Appendix* to the *Report* of the *Secret Committee*, in which *Layer* is mentioned to have ſaid, That one *Plunket* told him, as explaining what was meant by *Burford*'s *Club*, That Lord *Orrery* was Chairman, and that this *Club* met Monthly; At one another's Houſes, as *Layer* thought; and that *Plunket* told him, That there were Eight other Lords and Six Commoners (whoſe Names he mentions, and Mine as one of them) of that *Club*: I do hereby declare, upon the Honour of a Gentleman, That I do not know, or believe, that there was a Club or Meeting of any of the Lords or Gentlemen mentioned in the ſaid Examination, nor have I ever heard of any Meeting where Lord *Orrery* was preſent, except that which was carried on in the Two laſt Seſſions of Parliament, when Lord *Orrery*, and ſeveral Lords and Gentlemen (not mentioned in *Layer*'s Examination) met Weekly, and, I believe, with great Innocence, Din'd at one another's Houſes. And I do further Affirm, That even on accidental Viſits, I have ſeldom met together any Two of the Lords and Commoners ſo mentioned in *Layer*'s Examination: That there are

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Two of theſe Commoners (Sir *Henry Goring* and Mr. *Dawkins*) whoſe Faces I do not know ; and Two others (General *Webb* and Sir *Conſtantine Phipps*) between whom and me there hath not been, for Fifteen Years laſt paſs'd, the Intercourſe even of Ceremonial Viſits ; and between me and the Fifth Commoner (Mr. *Shippen*) but very ſeldom : That there are Three of thoſe Lords (*Scarſdale*, *Craven*, *Gower*) with whom I have very little Acquaintance ; a Fourth (Lord *Bingley*) whom I have never met any where but in Viſits to others, or in Publick Places ; and a Fifth (the Biſhop of *Rocheſter*) in whoſe Company I have been but twice in Three Years Time. I mention this to ſhew the Notorious Falſhood of *Layer*'s *Hear-ſay Evidence* of *Burford*'s *Club*, an Appellation I never heard of 'till ſome time after the Appointment of the *Secret Committee*.

ARCH. HUTCHESON.